(7) सड़क निर्माण पर विशेष जोर जिसके लिए डीजल पर एक रुपया प्रति लीटर अतिरिक्त प्रभार के रूप में वित्त सहायता दी गई है।

(8) लघु औद्योगिक इकाइयों के लिए ऋण बीमा योजना चलाई जानी है।

(9) गृह निर्माण क्षेत्र के लिए एक व्यापक पैकेज की घोषणा की गई है। गृह निर्माण में तेजी से सीमेंट इस्पात और अन्य निर्माण सामग्री की मांग में वृद्धि होगी।

बजट के बाद भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने निधियों की ब्याज लागत घटाने के लिए बैंक दर कम कर दी है, "रिपो" दर घटा दी है और सीआरआर कम कर दिया है।

Impact of freight hike on Industrial Units

2986. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether recent hike in freight will affect a large number of Industrial Units and consumable items;

(b) if so, the names of such Industrial Units and consumable items separately;

(c) whether Government propose to provide some relief to consumers in view of unconsiderable hike in freight;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) It is too early to ascertain the impact of the recent freight increase, as it took effect only from 1.4.1999. Whether it will affect the price of the product will depend upon the market conditions. In conditions of over supply, the increase could be partly or fully absorbed by the producers.

(c) to (e) No such proposal is under consideration.

Allocation under PMRY to Maharashtra

2987. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise grants allocated to Maharashtra under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana;

(b) whether any special consideration has been given in allotting such grants in Maharashtra to Adivasi areas;

(c) if so, the number of youths benefitted, district-wise in Maharashtra; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the mobilisation of funds to Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, States/UTs are allocated physical targets. The States then allocate district-wise targets. Government of India released funds to States/UTs depending on the achievements of allocated targets only for training purposes and contingencies. The States then incur expenditures for the above purposes.

Subsidy under the scheme is passed on to the Reserve Bank of India for onward disbursement to implementing banks. The statement showing the district-wise allocation of funds under contingencies for the last three years in Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, as reported by the State Government, is at Statement-I (*See* below). Training funds are not distributed district-wise, but monitored at the State level.

(b) As per report of the State Government, no special consideration has been made while allocating targets/grants to Adivasi areas in Maharashtra.

(c) Details showing district-wise physical targets and progress for the last three years i.e., 1995-96, 1996-97 and

1997-98 for Maharashtra under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, as reported by the State Government, are given in the "Statement-II" (*See* below)

(d) The State of Maharashtra has been allocated physical targets in accordance with the norms laid down for the purpose. Efforts are made by the State Government to achieve targets and hence mobilise funds for educated unemployed youths in State.

Statement-I

District-wise allocation of funds in the state of Maharashtra for the last three years i.e. 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 (As reported by the State Govt.)

(Amount in rupees)

S.No.	District	95-96	96-97	97-98	Total
1.	Mumbai	298100	813250	196500	1307850
2.	Thane*	226000	565250	164000	955250
3.	Raigad	115100	236500	97000	448600
4.	Ratnagiri	53700	116000	44000	213700
5.	Sindhudurg	41000	115000	16500	172500
6.	Nasik*	171300	517250	195750	884300
7.	Dhule*	119100	302000	60000	481100
8.	Jalgaon*	200300	518750	103250	822300
9.	Ahmednagar*	195900	428750	101000	725650
10.	Pune*	258000	632750	59500	950250
11.	Satara	136700	312750	86000	535450
12.	Sangli*	120600	282000	72000	474600
13.	Solapur*	172100	421250	111250	704600
14.	Kolhapur	199300	425000	63250	687550
15.	Aurangabad*	191300	354250	76500	622050
16.	Jalna	80100	205000	50250	335350
17.	Parbhani	105600	275250	120500	501350
18.	Beed	95000	237500	68000	400500
19.	Nanded*	111500	290750	61000	463250
20.	Osmanabad*	59700	159500	17500	236700
21.	Latur	83400	225000	61500	369900
22.	Buldana	88770	194750	26750	310270
23.	Akola	118100	302250	73750	494100
24.	Amravati*	139500	288000	111750	539250
25.	Yavatmal*	97700	206250	33750	337700
26.	Wardha	94500	219750	74750	389000
27.	Nagpur	275500	575500	159250	1010250
28.	Bhandara*	98600	268000	42250	408850
29.	Chandrapur*	89400	239250	41000	369650
30.	Gadchiroli*	26700	66000	4250	96950
	TOTAL	4062570	9793500	2392750	16248820

* Declared as backward districts

Statement II

District-wise Physical Targets and Progress for the Last Three Years i.e. 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 Under Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana for Maharashtra as Reported by State Government

Sl.No.	Name of the District	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
		Target (Nos.)	Sanctions by bank (Nos.)	Target (Nos.)	Sanctions by bank (Nos.)	Target (Nos.)	Sanctions by bank (Nos.)
1.	Mumbai	4513	2854	4513	3253	3900	3027
2.	Thane	2387	2260	2387	2261	2200	2522
3.	Raigad	833	1151	833	946	1150	1078
4.	Ratnagiri	704	537	704	464	600	750
5.	Sindhugurg	377	410	377	460	400	487
6.	Nasik	1752	1713	1752	2069	2300	2117
7.	Dhule	1156	1191	1156	1208	1500	1174
8.	Jalgaon	1450	2003	1450	2075	2100	2272
9.	Ahmedhnagar	1537	1959	1537	1715	2100	2272
10.	Pune	2517	2580	2517	2531	3100	2701
11.	Satara	1113	1367	1113	1251	1400	1202
12.	Sangli	1005	1206	1005	1128	1250	1260
13.	Solapur	1468	1721	1468	1685	1650	1607
14.	Kolhapur	1361	1993	1361	1700	1600	1950
15.	Aurangabad	1005	1913	1005	1417	1400	1900
16.	Jalna	621	801	621	820	800	907
17.	Parbhani	962	1056	962	1101	1100	1408
18.	Beed	829	950	829	950	950	1001
19.	Nanded	1058	1115	1058	1163	1250	1062
20.	Osmanabad	582	597	582	638	700	731
21.	Latur	761	834	761	900	900	930
22.	Buldana	858	837	858	779	1050	784
23.	Akola	1009	1181	1009	1209	1200	1421
24.	Amravati	1002	1395	1002	1152	1300	1318
25.	Yavatmal	944	977	944	825	1150	1018
26.	Wardha	485	945	485	879	850	1010
27.	Nagpur	1493	2572	1493	2302	2300	2467
28.	Bhandara	959	986	959	1072	1100	1064
29.	Chandrapur	804	894	804	957	950	1103
30.	Gadchiroli	355	267	355	264	350	207

Arm twisting by US over patents issue

2988. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 24th March, 1999 under the caption "Patent American arm-twisting on the cards over the Act";

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto; and